

STUDENT CONDUCT
PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

FNCE
(REGULATION)

Purpose	In accordance with Education Code 37.082 and policy FNCE(LOCAL), the District has adopted this regulation to maintain an academically focused school environment by restricting the possession and use of personal communication devices on school property during the instructional day.
Definitions	For the purpose of this regulation, the following definitions apply:
Instructional Day	The instructional day starts at the time a student arrives on school property until the conclusion of the final instructional period.
Personal Communication Devices	Personal communication devices are defined in FNCE(LLEGAL).
Prohibited Conduct	During the instructional day, students shall not: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use a personal communication device, including a cell phone, or other electronic devices on school property during the instructional day, including during passing periods and at lunch.• Display or visibly carry phones;• Use smartwatches or other wearable communication devices; or• Have phones or other devices on school property visible or audible at any time.
Student Expectations	It is the student's responsibility to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leave personal communication devices at home or store them, powered off, in the student's backpack while on school property during the instructional day;• Keep all personal communication devices out of sight and unused on school property throughout the instructional day; and
Confiscation and Enforcement Procedures	If a personal communication device is seen, heard, or used during the instructional day: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The device will be confiscated by school staff.2. The staff member or an administrator will deliver the device to the office for secure storage.3. The student's parent or guardian must retrieve the device and sign an acknowledgement of:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. State law requirements;b. District policy; or

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- c. Confirmation of receipt of the device.

The District will not be held responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged devices confiscated due to violation of Education Code 37.082 and District policy.

Consequences of Device Use

Students who violate this regulation will have their devices confiscated, and the following progressive disciplinary measures will be applied:

1. Parents or guardians may retrieve the device from the office after school the day the device is confiscated, and must review and sign the *ECISD Personal Communications Device Policy* as it relates to the law.
2. Parent Conference and Parent or guardian may retrieve the device from the office after school, the day the device is confiscated
3. In-school Suspension
4. Out-of-School Suspension
5. The school may impose additional consequences as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct for the continued refusal to follow the rules.

Accommodations and Exceptions

This regulation does not apply to the use of personal communication devices:

- For disability-related accommodations under federal law, including an individualized education plan or Section 504 plan.
- When the student's possession or use is required due to a documented need based on a written directive from a qualified physician.
- For compliance with health and safety requirements imposed by law or as part of the district's or school's safety protocol.
- During or after extracurricular activities that occur on school property and/or in the school building after the instructional day ends, with the permission of the coach and/or sponsor of the activity.

Effective Date

This regulation is effective as of January 5, 2026.